



Texas Volunteer Agencies Active in Disasters (VOAD) Situation Report

Event Name	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
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Operational Period	05/26/15 – 05/27/15
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Texas VOADs have been active in several areas of the State, and continue to be a vital part of the humanitarian efforts in responding to the needs of impacted jurisdictions. They continue to provide feeding, hydration, sheltering, mud-out, damage assessment, chaplaincy, daycare, and other important services. They also provide hydration and feeding services to responders who are responding to impacted areas.

Multi Agency Resource Centers (MARC)

- **Wimberley MARC (Facilitated by Hays County)**
Wimberley Community Center
14068 Ranch Rd 12
Wimberley, TX
Friday & Saturday, 8 AM – 8 PM
- **San Marcos MARC (Facilitated by American Red Cross)**
San Marcos Location TBD
Sunday & Monday, 8 AM – 8 PM

Volunteer Reception Centers (VRC)

- **Wimberley Volunteer Reception Center** is open in Wimberley at:
Cypress Creek Church
211 Stillwater
Wimberley, TX 78676
Open 8 am – 5 pm
wimberleyresponse@gmail.com

(512) 715-4134

- **San Marcos Volunteer Reception Center** is open in San Marcos at:
San Marcos Plaza Park
206 N. C M Allen Parkway
San Marcos TX 78666
Open 8 am – 5 pm
Sanmarcosvrc2015@gmail.com
(512) 753-2320

Operational information from individual Texas VOAD member agencies follows:

American Red Cross:

Red Cross is working throughout the state of Texas in response to the developing situation prompted by ongoing severe weather and flooding during the month of May. Some areas are in full response mode, while others have moved toward recovery. Teams are paying particular attention to outlying affected areas that might otherwise be overlooked. Trained disaster personnel are responding from Texas and other parts of the country. Assets and personnel are being positioned about the state as the numbers of affected areas increase.

- **Mass Care Sheltering:** The American Red Cross continues to support shelter operations in affected communities. Reports indicate that overnight 13 shelters were open in Texas. Of those, 9 reported populations, based on midnight head counts, totaling 234. An additional 23 shelters are reported as being on standby in locations with the potential for impact. Supplies have been pre-staged, and shelter managers and workers are on standby.
- **Feeding and Bulk Distribution:** Red Cross is working with partner agencies to provide food in shelters with populations. Food and beverages are also being distributed at service centers and through fixed and mobile distribution throughout affected counties. Supplies were distributed in multiple affected areas throughout the state, as well as in the Mexican border area affected by tornadoes. Forty Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles are currently responding statewide, with another three in transit from other

states.

- Reunification: The “Texas Flooding and Tornadoes” event is listed on the Safe and Well Website for individuals and organizations to share their status with friends and family who are concerned about their safety.
- Preparedness: Materials on recovery and preparedness are being distributed in affected areas and through social media and phone apps.
- Recovery: Health and Mental Health workers are in affected communities. Client casework is ongoing.
- External Relations: The DigiDOC is activated, gathering and relaying social media information. ARC Government Liaisons are staffing or in contact with open EOCs in order to relay information. Community Partnerships staff are actively working with other organizations to meet client needs. Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) are scheduled to open in San Marcos and Wimberly.
- Damage Assessment: Damage Assessment continues as teams are deployed in newly affected counties. ARC shared current Damage Assessment numbers with TXVOAD, TDEM, and FEMA.

Feeding Texas:

- *Capital Area Food Bank of Texas* has confirmed arrangements to be at both the MARC in Wimberley and San Marcus to support the Hays County Food Bank with family food boxes for distribution. They have distributed to 2 pantries in disaster areas distributing 7,530 pounds of food.
- *Houston Food Bank* supported 4 Boys and Girls Clubs with 700 shelf stable meals when the child and adult care food program kitchens were closed due to high water.
- Total Volunteer hours for making family food boxes this operational period: 66 hours

OneStar Foundation’s AmeriCorps Program:

AmeriCorps members from American Youthworks’ Texas Conservation Corps have established two Volunteer Reception Centers in Hays County. The

Wimberley VRC location is Cypress Creek Church (211 Stillwater Road). The San Marcos VRC location is San Marcos Plaza Park (206 N. C M Allen Parkway). During the last operation period, 648 volunteers registered in Wimberley and 26 registered in San Marcos. 1,257 total volunteers have been processed since the VRCs opened.

Samaritan's Purse:

- Samaritan's Purse is partnering with PromiseLand San Marcos Church and is actively responding in Hays County. People who wish to volunteer with Samaritan's Purse may register online in advance at spvolunteernetwork.org. Samaritan's Purse teams are offering mud out, gut out, packing and salvaging of personal property, moving debris to the right of way, tree clean up as needed, pressure washing, sanitizing treatments of flooded homes. During the operational period, 23 volunteers served 148 hours.
- Samaritan's Purse is assessing the situation in Houston, as well as other areas across the state of Texas and preparing to respond as needed.

Southern Baptists of Texas Disaster Relief:

- Jacksonville: Recovery mud-out unit active with 9 volunteers serving 90 hours.
- Henderson: Assessment and Recovery teams deployed with 8 volunteers serving 80 hours.
- Bonham: Recovery team deployed with 3 volunteers serving 30 hours.
- Wimberley: Recovery mud-out units, shower unit, command unit, chaplain team, incident management team, and assessor team active with 23 total volunteers serving 230 hours in Wimberley.

Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery:

- Actively managing the Volunteer Reception Center in Van Zandt County setup in the Masonic Lodge, 202 South Maple.
- Meeting with Texas Baptists Pastors in San Antonio, San Marcos and Wimberley areas who are interested in assisting. Partnering with Texas Baptist Men with projects in San Marcos (16 volunteer hours).

Texas Baptist Men:

- Smithville: Mudout units active (100 volunteer hours).
- Blanco: Mudout units are being mobilized (40 volunteer hours).
- Henderson: Chainsaw teams are being mobilized (60 volunteer hours).
- Parker County: Onsite personnel evaluating need for response (10 volunteer hours).
- San Marcos: Active with assessment teams, mudout units, shower/laundry units, heavy equipment, command post, box unit, asset protection, and chaplains (400 volunteer hours). Texas Baptist Men will deploy a childcare unit and durable medical equipment unit at the MARC.

Texas Crisis Resiliency Team

Individuals trained by the Texas Crisis Resiliency Team on crisis intervention (utilizing the NOVA model) are working with other organizations and providing emotional and spiritual support.

The Salvation Army:

- The Salvation Army Texas Division is monitoring the operations in the SOC and is coordinating with other nonprofit organizations and state agencies.
- The Salvation Army San Antonio Area Command, provided a total of two canteens, including the New Braunfels Outpost Canteen and the San Antonio Area Command Kiwanis Club Canteen and in coordination with The Salvation Army Service Extension Region 3, assisted at the American Red Cross Shelter (San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins St.) and the neighboring community by providing emotional and spiritual care; as well as, 1,491 meals / 2,598 beverages / 1,663 snacks / 123 cleanup kits / 51 hygiene kits / 39 baby supplies / 143 volunteer hours on 5/27/15. They are also offering assistance to affected communities at the Multi-Agency Resource Centers located in Wimberley at Wimberley Community Center, 14068 Ranch Rd 12, Wimberley, TX from 5/29/15-5/30/15 and San Marcos, location to be determined, from 5/31/15-6/1/15.

- The Salvation Army Tyler Corps responded to Henderson and provided emotional and spiritual care; as well as, 467 meals / 1,278 beverages / 7 volunteer hours on 5/27/15. They are still continuing to provide assistance in Van Zandt and Smith counties following the severe weather events in those communities.
- The Salvation Army Texas Division is delivering 300 Food Boxes to The Salvation Army Houston Area Command to be distributed to the survivors of the flood at the Rockport Apartments. Disaster assistance will be provided to 83 families from the Rockport Apartments to help relocate them.
- The Salvation Army Service Extension Region 1 has been requested by the Walker County OEM to assist evacuated families near the Trinity River with hotel rooms; as well as, purchasing insect repellent for responders and survivors in the area. Hotel rooms for four families have been provided. Insect repellent was also requested by the Walker County OEM and will be provided.
- The Salvation Army Service Extension Region 2 in coordination with its Sulphur Springs Service Unit, is providing hotel rooms for three families following devastating winds that destroyed their homes in Sulphur Springs. The families will also receive direct assistance as well. They are continuing to assess the situation in that community and will determine if more assistance is needed to families.
- The Salvation Army Service Extension Region 3 is continuing to assess the situation in Wimberley, Gillespie County, Blanco County, and Lampasas County following the severe flooding and tornadoes in those areas to determine a needs assessment for the communities.
- The Salvation Army Texas Division has determined no unmet needs at this time.

Victim Relief Ministries

Victim Relief Ministries continues to provide disaster behavioral health services to the Henderson, TX community. They are collaborating with the local mental health authority (LMHA) – Community Healthcore. Four Victim Relief Ministries and American Red Cross disaster behavioral health Crisis Teams continue to walk the community providing emotional and

spiritual support. Over 160 victim, volunteer and First Responder contacts were made from 10:00-1600 hours on Wednesday. VRM is expected to demobilize at the end of business on Thursday, May 28 @ 17:00 hours. The LMHA and Red Cross will continue to provide disaster behavioral health related services and transition to long term recovery.

Central Texas VOAD

Please contact Chris Bugbee at the Central Texas VOAD at chris@onestarfoundation.org for any questions regarding the local VOAD response in the Central Texas area.

Texas Gulf Coast VOAD

Please contact Carol Flores at the Texas Gulf Coast VOAD at Chair@txgulfcoastvoad.org or cflores@imggh.org for any questions regarding the local VOAD response in the Houston area.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Personnel	Status	Resource Location
SBTC – Mudout Unit	1	9 vol		Jacksonville
SBTC – Assessment Team	1	4 vol		Henderson
SBTC – Mudout Unit	1	4 vol		Henderson
SBTC – Mudout Unit	1	3 vol		Bonham
SBTC-Mudout Unit	2	10 vol	Active	Wimberley
SBTC-Shower Unit	1	2 vol	Active	Wimberley
SBTC-Command Unit	1		Active	Wimberley
SBTC-IMT Team	1	3 vol	Active	Wimberley
SBTC-Assessor Team	1	4 vol	Active	Wimberley
SBTC-Chaplain Team	1	4 vol	Active	Wimberley
TBM–Assessment Team	1	3	Active	San Marcos
TBM – Mudout Unit			Active	Smithville
TBM – Mudout Unit			Active	Blanco
TBM – Chainsaw Unit			Active	Henderson
TBM – Command Post			Active	San Marcos
TBM – Mudout Unit			Active	San Marcos
TBM – Shower/ Laundry Unit	2		Active	San Marcos
TBM – Chaplains			Active	San Marcos
TBM – Box Unit	2		Active	San Marcos
TSA - Liaison	1	1	Active	Dallas
TSA - Trailer	3		Active	Van
TSA - Mobile Kitchen	2	2 + Vols.	Active	San Marcos
TSA – Mobile Kitchen	1	1 + Vols.	Active	Henderson
TSA - Volunteers	29 (150 hrs.)			

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

More information regarding Texas VOAD can be found at:
<https://txvoad.communityos.org/cms/home>